



NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

The exceptionally high temperatures this week have certainly tested us all, and I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for the resilience, patience and support they have shown.

Whilst the conditions were challenging, we believed it was important to keep the school open, making sensible adjustments where needed, as school provides not only education but also consistency, care and support for many of our young people.

This edition reflects the strength of our school community, from the official opening of our Mini Garden and Sitting Area to our Sixth Form pupils visiting Imperial College London and our Year 9 pupils developing their communication skills through the LEAP Programme. These experiences continue to enrich learning beyond the classroom and would not be possible without the commitment of our staff.

The Headteacher's Gallery goes to Harry 10I2 and Ben 10S1 for producing an excellent product for their box project in Product Design, going over and above to perfect it for homework, creating excellent examples of storage boxes based on the style of a chosen designer/design company



Official Opening of the Mini Garden

On Tuesday 23 June, we were delighted to welcome parents, members of the Rotary Club, and the Mayor, Cllr Nicky Cuthbert, to the official opening of our new Mini Garden and Sitting Area.

The project was led by a group of dedicated pupils who worked hard to transform the space into a welcoming area for all. During the event, they confidently shared updates and reflected on the skills they had developed.

Following a speech from the Mayor, the garden was officially opened, and guests took part in a planting activity. The Mayor also enjoyed refreshments prepared by our Year 10 Food Tech pupils.

It was a fantastic event, and we were incredibly proud of our pupils, whose enthusiasm and teamwork shone throughout.



Thank you to everyone who supported the project and helped make the day so memorable.

★ Year 10 Stubbers Trip

Year 10 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Stubbers Outdoor Adventure Centre, where they took part in a range of challenging and enjoyable activities, including archery, rafting, paddleboarding, axe throwing, and climbing.

Throughout the trip, pupils demonstrated outstanding behaviour, enthusiasm, and teamwork, making the most of every opportunity. Both staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we were incredibly proud of the positive attitude and excellent conduct shown by everyone involved.



★ Sixth Form Computing Day at Imperial

St Martin's Sixth Form Computer Science pupils attended the London Universities Sixth Form Computing Conference at Imperial College London, joining pupils from across London for an inspiring and informative day.

Hosted at Imperial University, the event brought together leading universities to give pupils a real insight into studying computer science beyond school.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in interactive workshops and hands-on sessions, exploring key ideas in areas such as artificial intelligence, software design and problem solving. The sessions were designed to reflect university-style learning.



Pupils also had the opportunity to meet academics and current university pupils, gaining valuable insight into courses, career pathways and the wide range of opportunities within the computing field.

Overall, the trip was a valuable experience that helped pupils better understand what studying Computer Science at university involves, while also inspiring many to consider future pathways in the subject.

★ Year 9 LEAP programme at Brentwood School

A selection of Year 9 pupils enjoyed an inspiring and motivational trip to Brentwood School for a Learning Enrichment Activities Programme on the 15 June. The pupils took part in a range of activities across the day focusing on the theme of Creative Communication and worked collaboratively with pupils from a number of local schools. Pupils had the chance to create their own animation videos as well as attend sessions on communicating with confidence and communicating through science. Pupils also had a valuable opportunity to learn more about applying to Oxbridge from a recent graduate. They were impressive asking thoughtful questions. The day finished with a debate which allowed pupils to demonstrate their communication skills on the topic of 'Should the heart rule over the head?'

Well done to Isabelle H and Mollie F-B who were awarded prizes for exceptional debating. It was great to see all the pupils working confidently with others and demonstrating excellent levels of resilience.

📅 Dates for the Diary

- 29.06.2026 – EPQ Drop Down Day
- 01.07.2026 – Summer Concert
- 02.07.2026 – LAMDA Exam Day
Year 6 SEND Parents Forum
- 03.07.2026 – Sports Day

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Art & DT Exhibition
Work on display by pupils in
Year 11 GCSE Art, DT
A Level Art, Photography, Product Design, Textiles

North Hall
Wednesday 8 July 2026
16.00 – 18.00

Everyone welcome
Free entry / Refreshments / Music

Word of the Week
Week 35 steadfast

adjective: Firm, loyal, and unwavering in purpose or belief.

Sentence: Despite facing setbacks, she remained steadfast in her determination to achieve her goal.